

P.G.- 62-15  
Johnson-Crump House  
Beltsville Vicinity  
Private

c. 1887

This substantial, three bay, two story log house reflects the improvements in log house construction made possible by land ownership and skilled labor. The principal block was built soon after 1887 by Notley Johnson, a black landowner. In 1907 another black family -- Major Anderson and his wife Sadie -- purchased the farm, and over the years have remodelled it to its present condition. Since its inception, all of the work on the house has been done by the resident families, the most energetic force being Mrs. Sadie Anderson Crump, who continues to live here with her second husband and who celebrated her centennial birthday in February, 1977. The changes to this house are in keeping with the evolution in housing among the black, landowning, middle class in rural Maryland in the decades of the turn of the century.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #62-15 Building Date: 1887  
Building Name: Johnson-Crump House  
Location: 7606 Old Muirkirk Road, Beltsville (Rossville), Md.

Private/Vacant/Unimproved/Unexposed

Description

The Johnson-Crump House, built in 1887 by Notley Johnson, was a two-story side-gabled log house. The hewn sill beams of the house rested on natural stone pilings, and there was a central brick chimney at the ridge. Early in the twentieth century, the original log structure was covered with horizontal board siding, and in the 1920's, a one-story kitchen wing was added, giving the building its L shape. A one-acre lot was sold out of Lot #11 in 1952, and on that lot stands the small side-gabled cottage which is the home of the present generation of the Crump family. The older Johnson-Crump house was demolished in 1981.

Significance

The Johnson-Crump House was one of the first dwellings built in the 1886 subdivision of Rossville. It was constructed of log by Notley Johnson, on three-acre Lot #11 which he purchased in 1887; with its two-room plan and central chimney, it was representative of the modest dwellings built according to traditional methods by black farmers and laborers on newly acquired land. In 1913, Sadie Ross Anderson, daughter of Augustus Ross (who had built his house on Lot #1 of Rossville), purchased Lot #11, which Johnson had lost through default in mortgage. After this time, the windows of the log house were enlarged, and the log structure was covered with wood siding. After the death of Mrs. Anderson's husband, she married Israel Crump, and they raised their family in the old house. In 1952, Sadie and Israel Crump sold the westerly one acre of Lot #11 to their son, Oscar Crump, who erected on it the cottage in which he still resides. The original Johnson-Crump House was demolished in 1981.

Acreage: 2 acres

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

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## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Johnson-Crump House

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number 7606 Old Muirkirk Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Beltsville Rossville ☐ vicinity of congressional district 5

state MD county Prince George's

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Sadie A. Crump estate, c/o Oscar Crump

street &amp; number 7604 Old Muirkirk telephone no.:

city, town Beltsville state and zip code MD 20705

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 1718

street &amp; number Main Street folio 385

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1981 ☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ local

depository for survey records History Division, MNCPPC

city, town Riverdale state MD

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved      date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Johnson-Crump House, built in 1887 by Notley Johnson, was demolished within the last decade. It stood on Lot #11, one of the largest lots in the 1886 subdivision of Rossville.

This was a modest house, two stories high, with entrance in the center bay of the principal south facade. The house was built of log, and originally was lighted by small square windows. In this century the window openings were enlarged, and 2/2 double hung sashes were installed; weatherboard was applied over the log structure. The south entrance was sheltered by a facade-wide one-story shed-roof porch supported by plain posts.

The hewn sill beams of the house rested on natural stone pilings, and there was a central brick chimney at the ridge. In the 1920's, a rear kitchen wing was added, giving the building its L shape; this kitchen wing was one-story high with gable roof, had a tall brick chimney in the west plane of the roof, and was covered with board-and-batten siding.

The main block of the house consisted of two rooms on the first story, separated by a central entry hall which backed up on the central chimney. The west room was originally the kitchen, until the small kitchen wing was added, and the south room was the parlor. There was a second story bedroom over each of these spaces.

A one-acre lot was sold out of Lot #11 in 1952, and on that lot stands the small side-gabled cottage which is the home of the present generation of the Crump family. The older Johnson-Crump house was demolished in 1981.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		Black history

Specific dates 1887 Builder/Architect Notley Johnson

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Johnson-Crump House was one of the first dwellings built in the 1886 subdivision of Rossville. It was constructed of log by Notley Johnson, on Lot #11 which he purchased in 1887; with its two-room plan and central chimney, it was representative of the modest dwellings built according to traditional methods by black farmers and laborers on newly acquired land.

In January 1868, William Minnix, a farmer of the Vanville District, sold a small piece of his farmland to six black men who had expressed the need of a "place of public worship." Accordingly, Henry Edwards, Thomas Queen, Thomas Matthews, Ferdinand Key, (K)notley Johnson and James Powell acquired 3/10 acre of land including a small graveyard already in use by the local black population, in trust for the erection of a "substantial building to be used as a place of worship and schoolhouse for the colored people."<sup>1</sup> The log chapel which was built on this property came to be known as Queen's Chapel, in honor of one of these original trustees; it became the catalyst for the residential community which grew up immediately to the east twenty years later.

The land south and east of the Minnix farm was part of the estate of Mark Duvall. After Duvall's death in 1874, his real estate was divided among his heirs; in 1886 the Equity Court ordered the sale of some of this land. Part of Duvall's land adjoined Queen's Chapel on the east. A 24.8 acre parcel was surveyed by William H. Latimer, and divided into twelve unequal lots along the north side of the Muirkirk Road. Within a year, the twelve lots were purchased by the families of local blacks, most of whom were employed as laborers at the Muirkirk Iron Furnace.<sup>2</sup> By late 1889, structures had been erected on all but one lot. Two of the new owner-residents, Thomas Matthews (lot #5) and (K)notley Johnson (lot #11) had been among the six founders of Queen's Chapel twenty years earlier. Another, Augustus Ross (lot #1), gave his name to the community.<sup>3</sup>

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Statement of Significance (continued)

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The focal point of the Rossville community was a large frame lodge building erected on the largest of the lots (#9) by the Benevolent Sons and Daughters of Abraham. An article (entitled "Rossville") in The Advertiser, published in Laurel, 2 October 1889, gives evidence that this lodge, known as Abraham Hall, was considered an impressive building from the beginning: "a portion of the old Duvall estate...has recently been subdivided and sold... to certain colored people residing in the vicinity of Muirkirk. The land is of excellent quality and the site very pleasant for residences. The Sons and Daughters of Abraham have purchased about five [sic] acres of land and have now about completed a very substantial two-story frame building, with ante-room and closets, to be used as a hall in which to hold the meetings of the society. New dwellings are now in course of erection, or have already been completed; for Mr. Ross, John Carter, Philip, Ezekiel and Thomas Williams, Carter Dickson, Notley Johnson, and Robert Taylor."<sup>4</sup>

Lot #11 was purchased by Notley Johnson and his wife, Hannah, late in 1887.<sup>5</sup> According to Sadie Ross Crump, who later would buy Notley Johnson's property, farmer Johnson began in 1887 to fell trees on his property, squaring them into building logs, and raising the building with the help of other new lot owners.<sup>6</sup>

In 1913, Sadie Ross Anderson, daughter of Augustus Ross (who had built his house on Lot #1 of Rossville), purchased Lot #11, which Johnson had lost through default in mortgage.<sup>7</sup> It was after this time that the windows of the log house were enlarged, and the log structure was covered with wood siding. After the death of Mrs. Anderson's husband, she married Israel Crump, and they raised their family in the old house. In 1952, Sadie and Israel Crump sold the westerly one acre of Lot #11 to their son, Oscar Crump, who erected on it the cottage in which he still resides.<sup>8</sup>

The Johnson-Crump house was one of the first houses built in Rossville; it was representative of the modest vernacular dwellings built at the end of the nineteenth century by black landowners. It was demolished in 1981.

Notes

1 Prince George's County Deed HB #1:130.

2 Prince George's County Equity #1588; Prince George's County Deeds JWB #9:60, 203, 204, 205, 207, 208, 209, 210, 439, 603; JWB #10:131, 133.

3 Prince George's County Tax Assessments, 1888-89; The Advertiser, 2 October 1889.

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Statement of Significance (continued)

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4 Ross built on Lot #1, Carter on Lot #6, the Williams families on Lots #3 and #8, Dickson (Dixon) on Lot #10, Johnson on Lot #11, and Taylor on Lot #12. cf. 1886 plat in Equity #1588.

5 Prince George's County Deed JWB #10:133.

6 Interview with Sadie Ross Crump by George W. McDaniel, 1978.

7 Prince George's County Deed #79:487; see also P.G. Equity #2725.

8 Prince George's County Deed #1502:51.

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## 10. Geographical Data

Tax map 13, parcel 104

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

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**B**

Zone Easting Northing

### Verbal boundary description and justification

**List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries**

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title	Susan G. Pearl, Research/Architectural Historian and G. W. McDaniel
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**organization** P.G. C. Historic Preservation Comm'n **date** March 1989 (1978)

street & number c/o M-NCPPC, 14741 Gov.Oden Bowie Drive telephone (301) 952-3521

city or town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

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Johnson-Crump House  
Muirkirk  
Private

c. 1888

This handsome two story log house was built by a black landowner, Notley Johnson. It contains two rooms downstairs and two upstairs. In 1907, it was purchased by Sadie Crump, who improved the exterior and interior, enlarged the house and gave it the appearance of a fine, modestly appointed dwelling. The house is evidence of the evolution in housing among the rural black middle class in the decades of the turn of the century.

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Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Johnson-Crump House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 7606 Old Muirkirk Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Beltsville Rossville ☐ vicinity of congressional district 5

state MD county Prince George's

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	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Sadie A. Crump

street &amp; number 7606 Old Muirkirk telephone no.:

city, town Beltsville state and zip code MD 20705

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 1718

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city, town Upper Marlboro state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 ☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ local

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city, town Riverdale state MD

## 7. Description

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**Condition**

☐ excellent

☐ good

☐ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☒ unexposed

**Check one**

☐ unaltered

☐ altered

**Check one**

☐ original site

☐ moved

date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Johnson-Crump House was a plain two-story frame gable-roofed vernacular dwelling, one of the first houses built in Rossville.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This dwelling was one of the first houses built in Rossville, a small black community (largely of laborers at the Muirkirk Furnace) which was formed in the 1880's. Notley Johnson built this house circa 1888, on lot #11, one of the larger lots in the subdivision of Rossville. In 1913, the house and lot were sold to Sadie Anderson, daughter of Augustus Ross (for whom Rossville was named). It has remained in her family, the Crump family, to the present day.

The house was in deteriorating condition when it was surveyed in 1978, and was destroyed shortly afterwards.

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Acreage of nominated property 2.0 acres Tax Map 13, parcel 104  
 Quadrangle name Laurel, Section D Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_  
 UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

<b>A</b>  Zone Easting Northing	<b>B</b>  Zone Easting Northing
<b>C</b>  Zone Easting Northing	<b>D</b>  Zone Easting Northing
<b>E</b>  Zone Easting Northing	<b>F</b>  Zone Easting Northing
<b>G</b>  Zone Easting Northing	<b>H</b>  Zone Easting Northing

### Verbal boundary description and justification

**List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries**

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

name/title	Susan G. Pearl, Research Historian		
organization	Historic Preservation Commission	date	
street & number	c/o County Planning, MNCPPC	telephone	952-3521
city or town	Upper Marlboro,	state	MD 20772

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC The Johnson-Crump House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 7606 Old Muirkirk Road

CITY, TOWN Beltsville X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 13

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Prince George's

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
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**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Mrs. Sadie Crump

Telephone #: None

STREET & NUMBER 7606 Old Mirkirk Road

CITY, TOWN Beltsville X VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code Maryland 20705

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, LIBER #: JB 79  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Prince George's County Courthouse, Registry of Deeds  
Folio #: 489

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Upper Marlboro

STATE Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

PG:62-15

**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This attractive house stands about 50 yards from Old Muirkirk Road on the gentle slope of the hillside descending east from the road. In front of it is a well-kept lawn, with flowers bordering both the lawn and the house. On either side of the front length stand two large plaster pots for flowers, made by the owner, Mrs. Sadie Crump. *She* had her centennial birthday in February 1977.

The house faces west towards the road. Today it is weather-boarded and painted yellow with white trims giving it the appearance of a middle class landowner's frame house. But when it was built in the late 19th century as the home of its owner and occupant, Notley Johnson, it was a plain log house with no sheathing and was not whitewashed. Unlike most log houses of black families of the 19th century, this one was built with two stories. The facade had the typical three-bay arrangement, with two windows flanking a centrally located door with matching windows above those below. When built, the windows were much smaller and square in shape, similar to windows in other log houses of black families, according to Mrs. Crump. After she purchased the property, Mrs. Crump enlarged the windows and installed the double-hung sashes with two over two lights. The northern gable end has no window opening, like the house nearby of her father, Augustus Ross, which has also been recorded as part of this survey. The southern gable end did have one window in the upstairs. Probably the window was omitted from the northern gable end to keep out the cold winds, while the southern gable did have a window for the sunlight from the southern exposure. The windows in the facade provided the illumination for the downstairs room in the northern gable end. Thus, the arrangement is practical.

The foundations of the house (hewn sills) rested on stone pil<sup>ing</sup> on three sides, but directly on the ground underneath the facade. No rot or termite infestation has resulted so far, perhaps because of Mrs. Crump's traditional pesticide: lime that she dowses the under-parts of the house with periodically.

The floor plan of the interior of the original block consists of two rooms downstairs, two upstairs. The front door opens directly into a short foyer between the two rooms with the back wall being the frame around the central chimney. The north room was originally the kitchen, the cooking being done over a wood stove piped into the central chimney. In the northeast corner, a dog-leg stairway ascended the two walls. Originally, the treads were unenclosed, but Mrs. Crump has boxed them in with narrow, plain planks during her improvements of the log house. In the east wall (rear), a door opened originally to the outside, but Mrs. Crump has added a board and batten, frame kitchen with a shed room attached to it about fifty years ago.

See Continuation Sheet No. 1  
CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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SPECIFIC DATES Circa 1887

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Notley Johnson

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is valuable evidence of the evolution of the houses of the emerging black middle class in the late 19th century. According to Mrs. Crump, she and her first husband bought the house from Notley Johnson, who had built it. Deed records show that he had purchased the land in 1887, with his wife, Hannah, as co-signer. According to Mrs. Crump, who was born in 1877 and who remembers the construction of this house when she was ten about ten years old, Johnson felled the trees on his land, hewn them into squared logs, and raised this house in the community helping him to put on the roof. Since Johnson owned the land, he could use his wood as he saw fit and build a larger house than commonly found among landless blacks. According to Mrs. Crump, Johnson built a log house instead of a frame one because he was accustomed to building and living in them, her memory of him remembering him as being of the "old style."

In 1907, Mrs. Crump and her first husband, Major Anderson, bought this property. After his death, she married her present husband, Israel Crump, now 95 years old. They continued to live here, raised their children in this house, and are now sustained by the ongoing support of the family -- which includes four generations. Very strong support comes from their son, Oscar Crump, who with his wife, lives next door to them in a pleasant, one and a half-story house built in the 1950's, a slide of which is included in this survey. About 200 yards north of this house stands the house of Mrs. Crump's father, Augustus Ross. Thus, along this road stand the houses of an extended family that has remained closely knit throughout the 20th century. Though the land is no longer farmed, it is well-maintained, and is still cultivated in vegetable gardens. Several of the old fruit trees planted by the founders of the community still remain.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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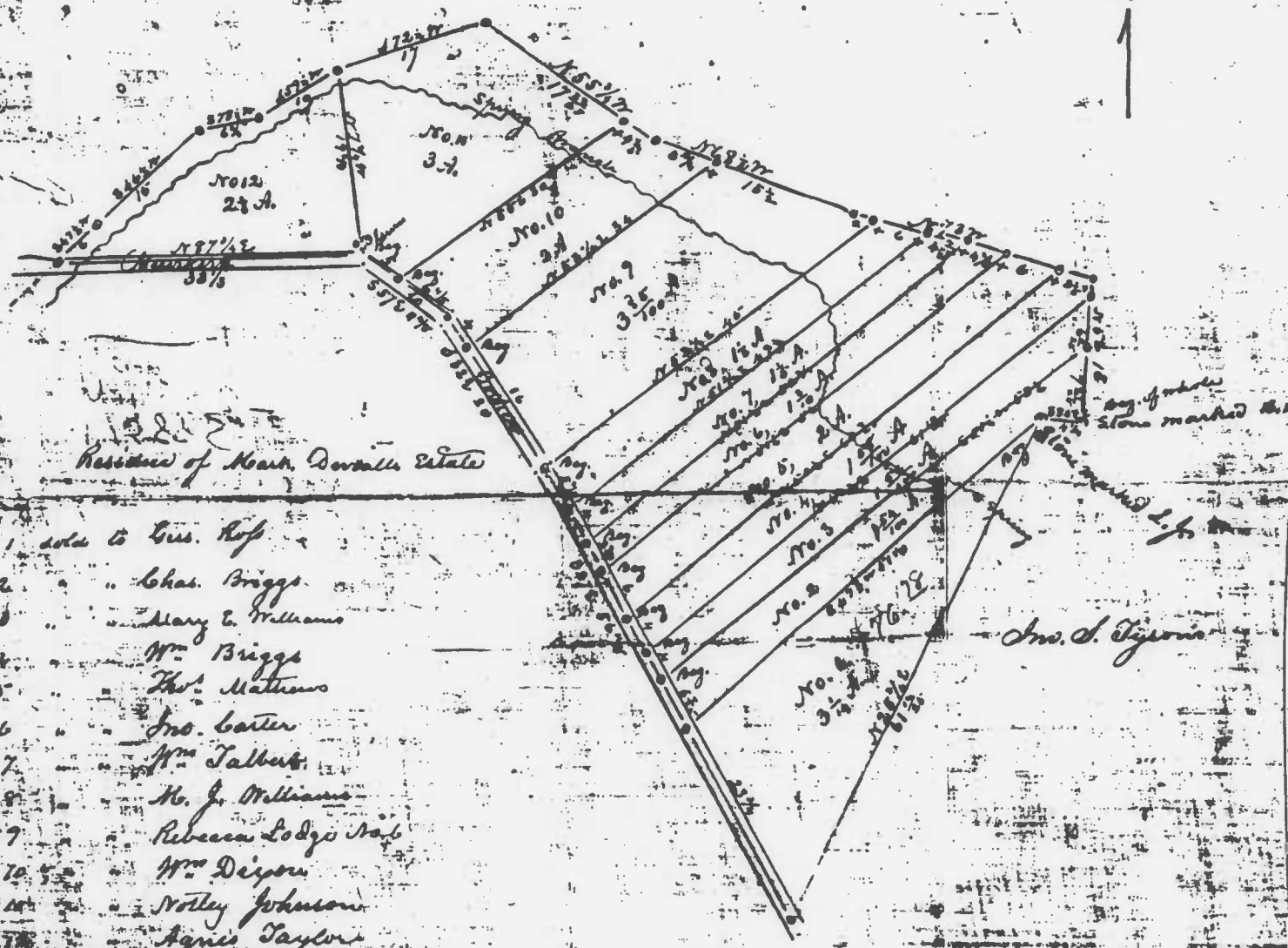
The south room was the "sitting room." Its fireplace has now been filled in. On the walls hang early 20th century paintings and prints, family photographs, and religious paintings of the Virgin Mary and Jesus which, though dusty from neglect since this elderly couple no longer entertain, reveal the personal possessions and values of this family in the early 20th century.

In addition to the "improvements" already mentioned, Mrs. Crump lathed and plastered the interior walls of the log house herself, and installed picture moldings along the walls. The result is that the humble log dwelling was converted in appearance to that of a fine-frame house.

Mark Duvall Estate  
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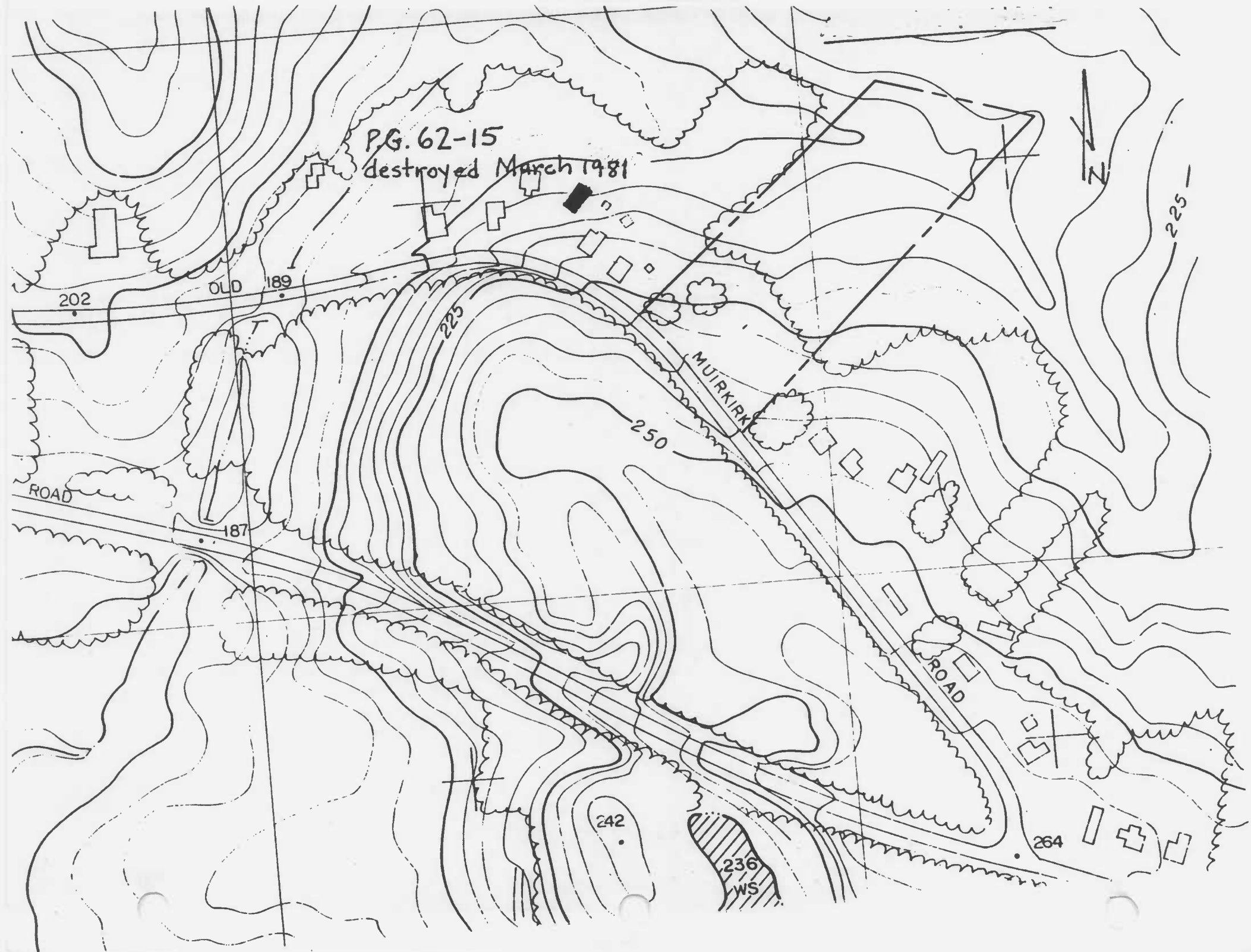


Residence of Mark Duvall Estate

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- No. 3 " Mary E. Williams
- No. 4 " Wm. Briggs
- No. 5 " Thos. Matthews
- No. 6 " Jno. Carter
- No. 7 " Wm. Talbot
- No. 8 " H. J. Williams
- No. 9 " Rebecca Lodge
- No. 10 " Wm. Dixon
- No. 11 " Nolley Johnson
- No. 12 " Agnes Taylor

Ans. S. Tyson

Witness certify that we have carefully surveyed for Chas. H. Stanley Esq. the following described part of a tract of land called \_\_\_\_\_ lying & being in Ramsey County, Minnesota, the same belonging to the estate of the late Mark Duvall Esq. Beginning for the same at a stone marked B.B. abounded of Ans. S. Tyson's land & running (1) N 82° 10' E 100 ps (2) N 75° 20' E 26 ps (3) N 63° 20' E 32 ps (4) N 55° 10' E 22 ps (5) S 72° 10' W 17 ps (6) S 67° 10' W 10 ps (7) S 55° 10' W 6 ps (8) S 42° 10' W 15 ps (9) S 47° 20' E 6 ps to the main road from Ancker to some farm with said road (10) N 87° 10' E 50 ps to a gum tree (11) S 57° 10' E 11 ps (12) S 32° 20' E 20 ps (13) S 13° 10' E 6 ps. Then leaving said road & north Ans. S. Tyson's (14) N 25° 10' E 6 ps to \_\_\_\_\_ beginning & containing \_\_\_\_\_



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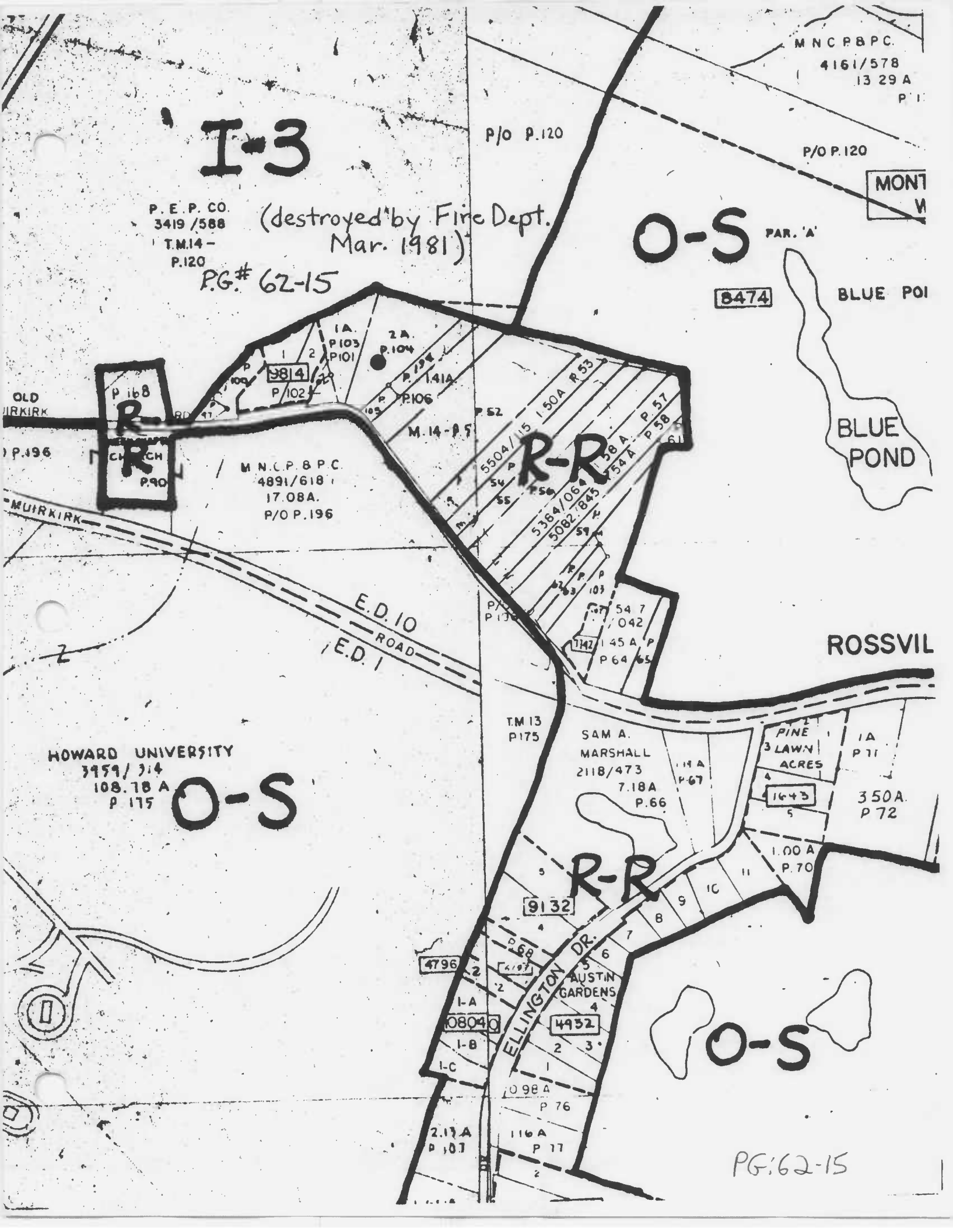
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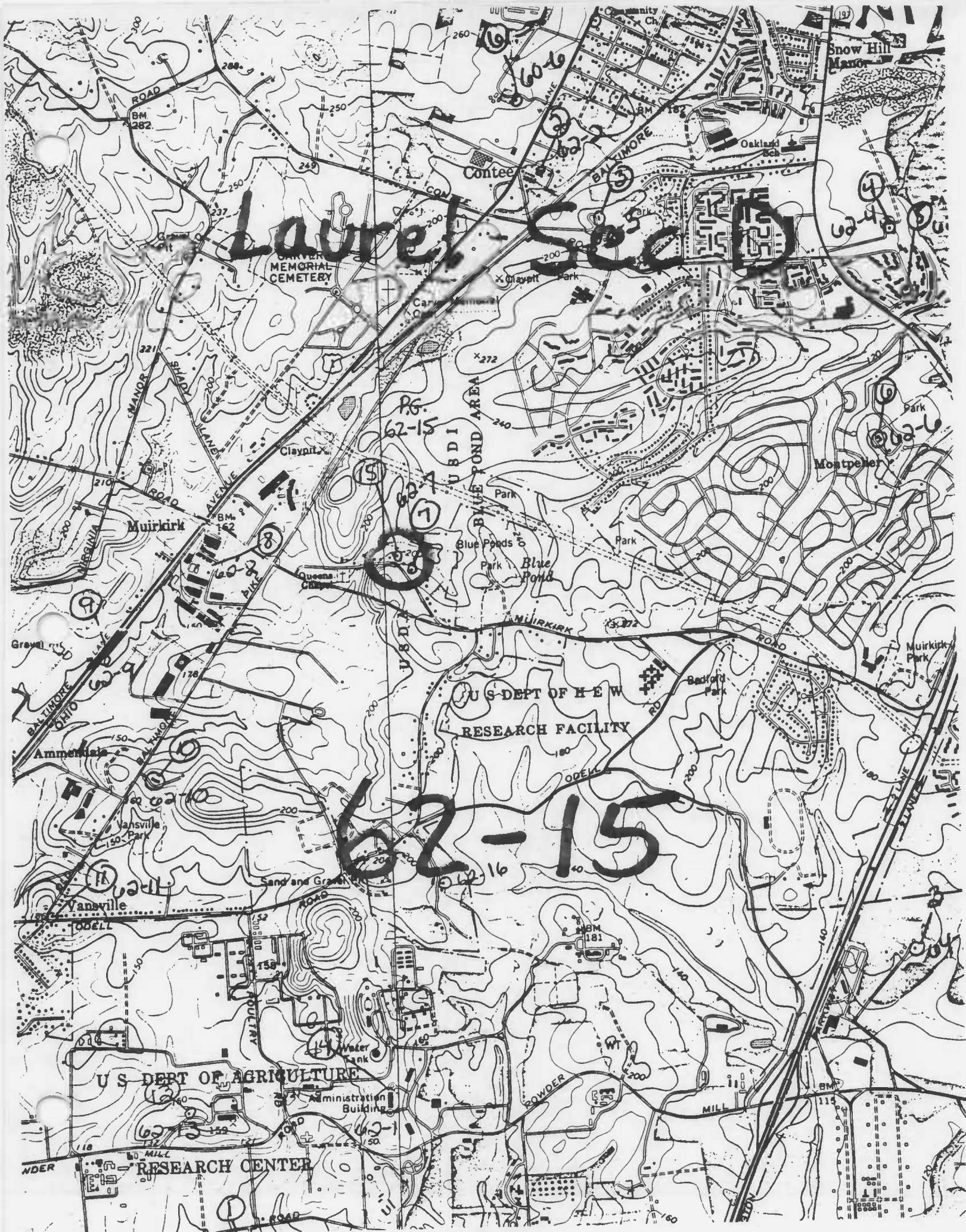
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JOHNSON-CRUMP House

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WEST VIEW, Facade

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~~C. Rump~~

Johnson - Crump House

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NORTH VIEW

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Crump family:

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Oscar Crump, Sadie

Crump, ~~Israel Crump~~

Daughter of S. + I. Crump,  
Israel Crump, wife of  
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Crump family

L-R:

Oscar Crump, Sadie

Crump, Israel Crump,

+ wife of Oscar  
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